

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

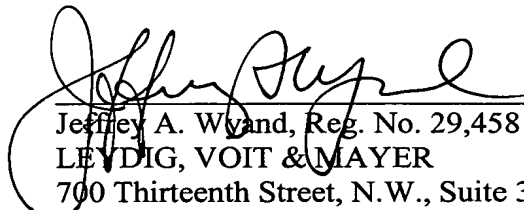
In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2005, Applicants propose to amend their application and request reconsideration in view of the proposed amendment and following remarks.

It is proposed in this Amendment to combine examined claims 5 and 6 as amended claim 5, including two minor clarifying amendments of claim 5. It is also proposed to cancel claims 6 and 8.

In the Office Action mailed December 28, 2005, the Examiner stated that claims 6 and 8 were objected to but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. That step has been taken by rewriting claim 6 in independent form as amended claim 5. Claims 7 and 8 were essentially identical in content but referred to different claims. Thus, it is appropriate to retain claim 7 in the patent application while canceling claim 8.

The foregoing amendment places the application in form for allowance so that entry of the amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are proper and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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